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Amendments from Housing: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 40, 56, 57, 89, 119, 129, 141, 176, 201, 215, 218, 220, 244, 247, 255, 267, 287, 369, 381, 396, 432, 457, 460, 500, 505, 508, 519, 530, 533, 536, 571, 574, 599, 611, 654, 661, 695, 722, 725, 815, 829, 852, 964, 979, 992, 993, 994, 1057, 1166, 1167, 1170, 1171, 1189, 1235, 1275, 1282, 1308, 1322, 1324, 1337, 1367, 1391, 1393, 1424, 1439, 1442, 1450 and 1455.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop and others move to amend H. 4900 in section 2, by striking item 6005-0015 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

6005-0015 For certain assistance to the regional transit authorities, including operating grants and reimbursements to increase the accessibility of transit provided to the elderly and disabled under the mobility assistance program, the regional transit authority program, and the inter-city bus capital assistance program; provided, that the commonwealth, acting by and through the executive office for administration and finance, for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, may enter into contracts with the authorities; provided further, that notwithstanding section 152A of chapter 161, and section 23 of chapter 161B of the General Laws, the amount shall be at least 50 per cent and up to 75 per cent of the net cost of service of each authority incurred in fiscal year 2007 shall be paid by the commonwealth, and shall not be assessed upon the cities and towns constituting the authorities; provided further, that the share assessed upon the cities and towns shall be at least 25 per cent of the net cost of service; provided further, that in the event that 25 per cent of the net cost of service of each authority exceeds 102.5 per cent of the previous year's local assessment, excluding payments made by cities and towns for the costs of new service, for which the cities and towns have not previously been assessed, as allowed by chapter 580 of the acts of 1980, the regional transit authority shall reduce its operating expenses or increase its revenues to meet the difference; provided further, that operating expenditures of each of the regional transit authorities for fiscal year 2008 shall not exceed 102.5 per cent of its operating expenditures for fiscal year 2007; provided further, that for the purposes of this item, operating expenditures shall not include federal, private or additional municipal non-state revenue sources or any expenses arising from the provision of

services required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or new services implemented after July 1, 1999 in an amount not to exceed a total of \$3,613,905 for the 15 regional transit authorities; provided further, that the new services must have first received approval of the appropriate regional transit authority advisory board; provided further, that not less than 25 per cent of the net cost of service of the new services shall be assessed to the cities and towns of the appropriate transit authority, as detailed previously in this item; provided further, that each regional transit authority which provides the new services must file a report with the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation, detailing the total costs and revenues associated with the new service; provided further, that the cost of the new services shall not annualize to more than \$3,613,905; provided further, that not later than January 1, 2008, each of the 15 regional transit authorities shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means a report detailing any and all revenues collected as a result of services provided under item 4401-1000; provided further, that the executive office of transportation shall work cooperatively with the authorities and other public and private funding sources to maximize new revenues sources to expand transit services; provided further, that the authorities and the executive office of transportation shall develop processes and procedures for contracts for services with other state agencies; provided further, that the executive office of transportation and the authorities shall develop a 5-year transit plan for operational and capital objectives that the parties may measure against and plan toward and shall file the plan with the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than April 1, 2008; provided further, that the executive office of transportation and the authorities shall work cooperatively to implement multi-year contracting for regional transit authority capital projects, particularly for construction projects and other multi-year commitments of the authorities; provided further, that the regional transit authorities shall implement structural, managerial and administrative reforms in order to achieve cost savings in services provided by the authorities; provided further, that the reforms shall include, but not be limited to, improved financing procedures for capital needs, approved plans for short and long-term service, a coordinated program of mass transportation for the regional transit authorities that provides standards of service for the authorities for types of service, passenger miles, hours of service, cost of service by route and mile and passenger, non-transportation revenue and

system revenue generating options including, but not limited to, fare revenue and advertising revenue, assessments on member cities and towns, net operating investment per passenger-mile ratio and service quality standards; provided further, that the program shall involve an approach to service coordinated with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and other transit providers in order to achieve maximum efficiency of regional transit authority service routes; provided further, that all regional transit authorities shall achieve the fare and/or revenue recovery ratio of 40 per cent within 9 months from the effective date of this act; and provided further, that the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities shall, on or before January 15, 2008, report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the operations of the authorities in the first half of fiscal year 2008, and focus the report on the reforms and improvements.....\$52,254,572

and move to further amend the bill in section 2, in item 6010-0002 by striking out the figures “\$20,364,845” and inserting in place thereof the following figures: “\$20,564,845”

and move to further amend the by striking item 7004-0099 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

7004-0099 For the operation of the department of housing and community development; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department may make expenditures for the purposes of the department against federal grants for certain direct and indirect costs under a cost overhead allocation plan approved by the comptroller; provided further, that the comptroller shall maintain an account on the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system for the purpose of making these expenditures; provided further, that expenditures made against the account shall not be subject to appropriation and may include the cost of personnel; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the department of housing and community development may conduct annual verifications of household income levels based upon state tax returns for the purposes of administering the state and federal housing subsidy programs funded in items 7004-9005, 7004-9009, 7004-9014, 7004-9019, 7004-9020, 7004-9024, 7004-9030, 7004-9033 and 7004-9316; provided further, that as a condition of eligibility or continued occupancy by an applicant or a tenant, the department may

require disclosure of the social security number of an applicant or tenant and members of the applicant's or tenant's household for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the department may deny or terminate participation in subsidy programs for failure by an applicant or a tenant to provide a social security number for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the department may also consult with the department of revenue, the department of transitional assistance or any other state or federal agency which it considers necessary to conduct this income verification; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, these state agencies shall consult and cooperate with the department and furnish any information in the possession of the agencies including, but not limited to, tax returns and applications for public assistance or financial aid; provided further, that for the purposes of conducting this income verification, the director of the department may enter into an interdepartmental service agreement with the commissioner of revenue to utilize the department of revenue's wage reporting and bank match system for the purpose of verifying the income and eligibility of participants in federally assisted housing programs and that of members of the participants' households; provided further, that for the purposes of clarification only, notwithstanding section 12 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1980, the department may authorize neighborhood housing services corporations to retain, re-assign, and reloan funds received in repayment of loans made under the neighborhood housing services rehabilitation program; provided further that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., so-called, in Springfield to prevent foreclosures, assist first-time home buyers, and to create jobs; Provided further that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Technical Assistance Program to be operated by the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Safe Neighborhood Initiative Pilot Program in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury and Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for Marlborough Community Development Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Turning Point Day Resource Center for the Homeless in the town of Wareham; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Indian Orchard Main Street Partnership; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Hungry Hill Development Corporation in the city of Springfield; provided

further that \$61,200 shall be expended for the Worcester housing program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation's continued operation of a grant program to enhance housing quality standards; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of computer technology centers at the Commonwealth Housing Development, the Jackson Mann Community Center and the Power Up Center at Brighton High School; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for ABCD North End elderly program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Neighbors in Need in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be provided to World is Our Classroom, Inc. serving the towns of Holyoke, Westfield, Chicopee, and Greenfield; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Boston Housing Authority for a program to provide certain tenant services for the West Broadway Task Force; provided further, that funds appropriated herein shall be obligated for expenditure by the West Broadway Task Force for the purposes of tenant services provided by said Task Force; provided further, that funds appropriated herein shall not be expended by the Boston Housing Authority for discretionary purposes provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Methuen-Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.; provided further that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Housing Authority; provided further, that no less than \$150,000 shall be expended for 2 computer centers operated by the Cambridge housing authority; provided further, that not less than \$105,000 shall be expended for Food for the World Pantry in Lawrence; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation.....\$9,913,166

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and move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking 7004-3036 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

7004-3036     For housing services and counseling; provided, that not less than \$1,600,000 shall be expended as grants for the operation of 9 regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional nonprofit housing authorities; provided further, that the grants shall be through a competitive application

process under criteria created by the department; provided further, that the department shall submit annual reports to the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing detailing all expenditures of said program including for each regional housing consumer education center the total number of persons who received information and referral services, the costs for such services rendered per consumer and the identification of consumer issues and trends; provided further, that said department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than March 1, 2008 on possible savings and efficiencies through consolidation of said services and counseling; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that \$141,000 shall be expended for the Just A Start Corporation to administer a housing stabilization and conflict management services program to prevent homelessness; provided further, that not less than \$80,925 shall be expended for the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance Inc. Donations Clearinghouse Program.....\$1,821,925

and move to further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7004-9315 by striking the figures “\$2,200,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figures “\$2,334,014”.

and move to further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7004-9317 by striking the figures “\$500,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figures “\$600,000”

and moves to further amend the bill by striking section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 15. Section 4 of chapter 161B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking, in line 6, the following words: “fourteen; and” and inserting in place thereof the following:- fourteen; provided, further, that no individual shall be appointed as an administrator unless said individual possess senior level management experience in 1 or more of the following areas: engineering, construction, business, public transit, public or private finance, or transportation; and

and moves to further amend the bill by striking section 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 16 Section 8 of said Chapter 161B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking subsection (h) and inserting in place thereof the following new section:-

(h) All current expenses of the authority shall be in accordance with an annual budget prepared by the administrator and submitted to the advisory board, the secretary, the secretary of administration and finance, the chairs of the joint committee on transportation, and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than February first of each year for the ensuing fiscal year. On or before June first the advisory board shall approve said budget as submitted or subject it to such itemized reductions therein as the advisory board shall deem appropriate. After the advisory board has approved said budget the secretary of transportation shall approve said budget as submitted. An administrator must receive approval from the secretary for any additional costs after the budget has been approved by the advisory board; provided, however, that any additional costs which the secretary may approve shall be assessed at 75 per cent upon the cities and towns constituting the authority and 25 per cent shall be assessed upon the Commonwealth.

and moves to further amend the bill, by striking out section 41.

and moves to further amend the bill by adding the following section:-

SECTION XX. Chapter 161B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 4. The affairs of an authority shall be managed by an administrator who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the advisory board of the authority established pursuant to section five; provided, however, that for the purpose of appointing an administrator the secretary of the executive office of transportation shall be entitled to 1 vote and, notwithstanding the provisions of section 5, each city and town shall have 1 vote in said appointment; provided, further, that the administrator shall not be appointed until the board has provided the notification required by clause (c) of section fourteen; provided, further, that no individual shall be appointed as an administrator unless said individual possess senior level management experience in 1 or more of the following areas: engineering, construction, business, public transit, public or private finance, or transportation; and provided, further, that the administrator shall not hold any elective office, except that of town meeting member, in any city or town within the jurisdiction of such authority. The administrator shall be the chief executive officer of the authority and shall receive such annual salary as shall be determined by said advisory board. Upon his appointment, the administrator shall give the state treasurer a bond for the faithful performance of his official duties in such penal sum and with such sureties as may be approved by the advisory board.

